Modelling human clustering and transfer of task rules

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Motivation

- Real-world environments are complex and high-dimensional.
- But humans solve it effortlessly and efficiently.
- Hypothesis: Humans learn low-dimensional task representations to simplify the tasks.
 - by building abstract and behaviorally relevant representations.

Clustering and transfer of task rules (Colins & Frank 2016)

- Learners discover structure to cluster distinct sensory events into a single latent rule set.
 - Transferring learned knowledge to new contexts of the same rule set.
- Key findings (phenomena to model with RNN):
 - Within-cluster transfer of learned rules.
 - Generalization of clusters (learned rules) to novel contexts.
 - Context popularity-based priors (Chinese restaurant process).







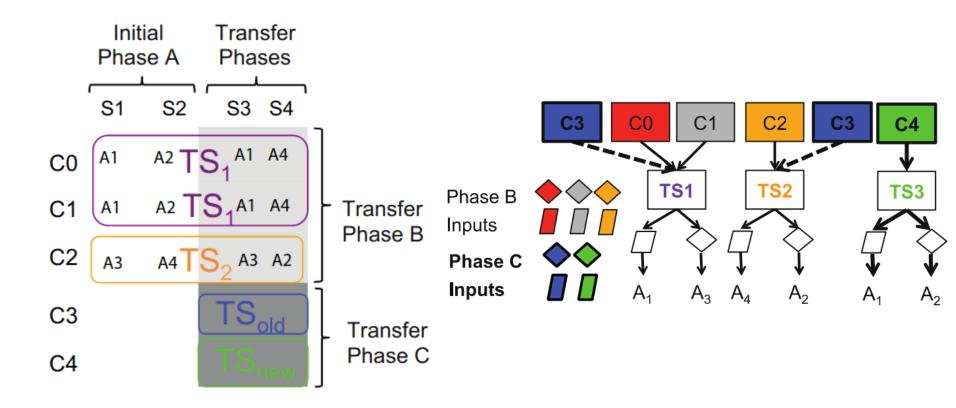
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Plan

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- 2. Analyze internal representations of the RNN
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 - Examine RPEs in the RNN to determine whether they show sensitivity to hierarchical structure in a way like EEG patterns from Collins & Frank 2016.
- Modify the ANNs to allow it to display a clustering prior (e.g.
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- 4. Fit other ANNs directly to the behavioral data, and compare it with RNN trained to perform the task.

Task in Collins & Frank 2016.



Train ANNs with supervised learning and RL to perform the task

Architecture:

- Supervised: MLP or LSTM with 1 or 2 layers.
- RL: Actor-critic consists of 1 network (MLP or LSTM) with 1 or 2 layers.

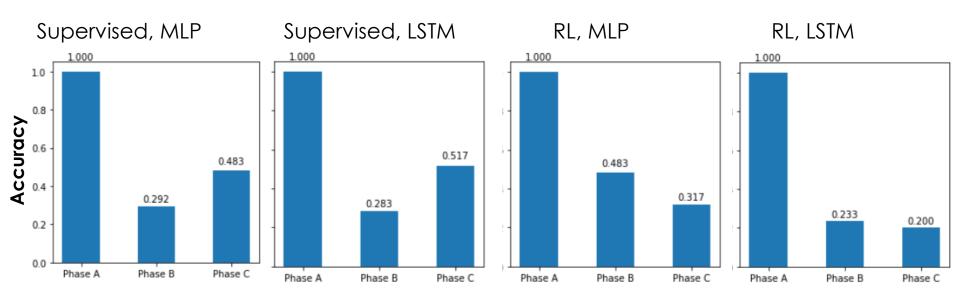
Pipeline:

- 1. Phase A: Train 200 trials and converged.
- 2. Phase B: Train 200 trials and converged.
- 3. Phase C: Train 200 trials and converged.

Converged?

- Supervised: 10 consecutive trials with cross-entropy loss less than 0.01.
- RL: 10 consecutive trials with accuracy larger than 0.9.

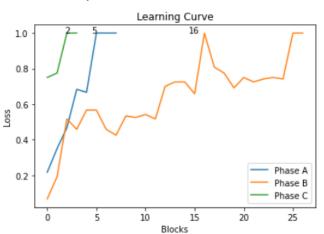
Overall transfer after initial trained on Phase A



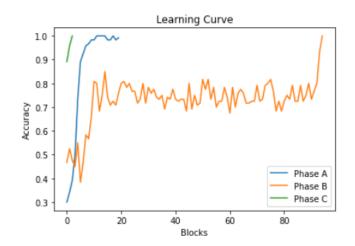
2-layers has best performance and generalization.

Learning curve: overall transfer

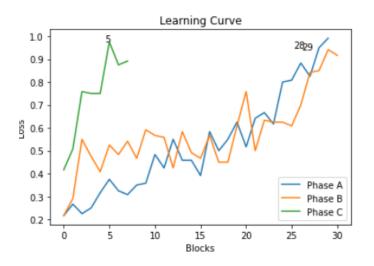
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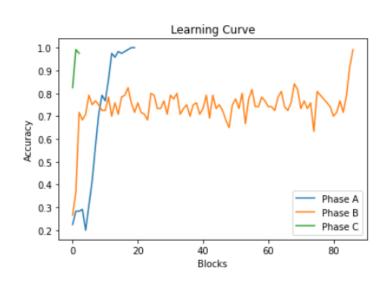
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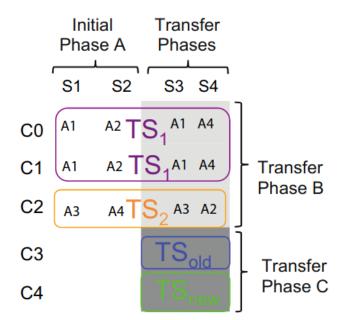


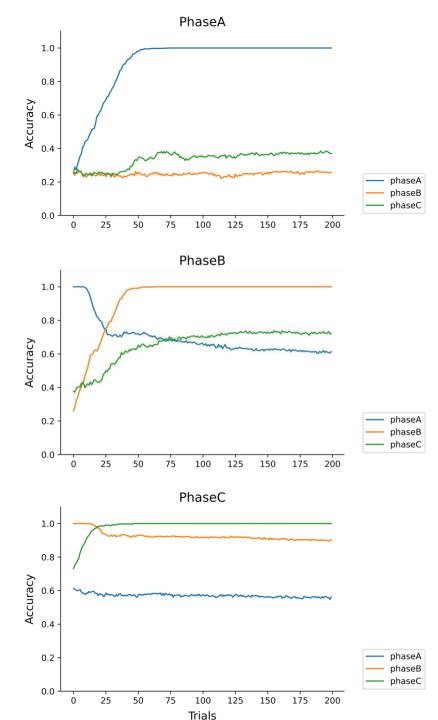
Due to:

- Similar behaviors of architectures and training algorithms (supervised learning and RL)
- Slow training speed of RL algorithm.
- Limited time
- Further analyses based on 1-layer LSTM trained by supervised learning.
- And the results are the average of 100 LSTMs being random initialized.

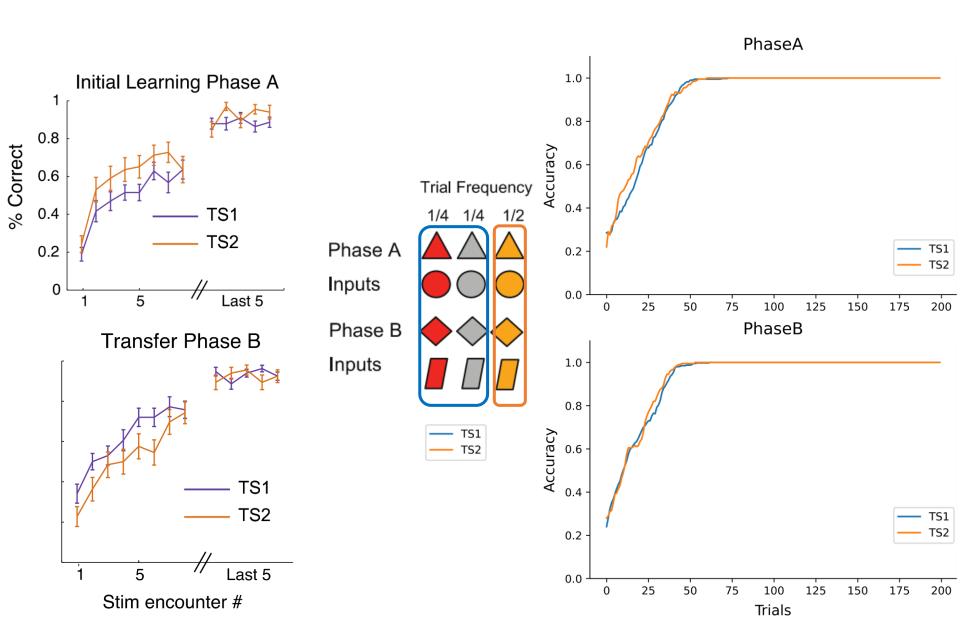
Learning Curve

 Effect of per training sample on accuracy in 3 phases.



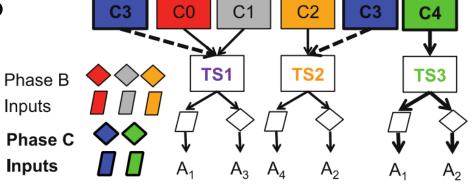


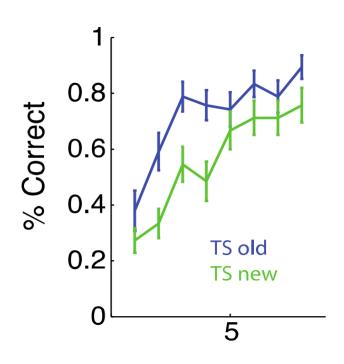
Transfer of two task sets

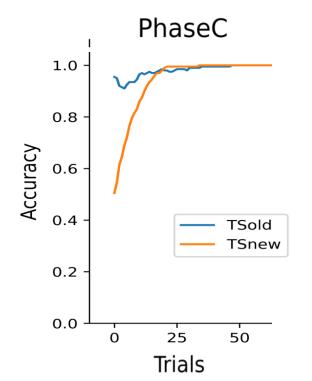


Transfer to novel contexts and

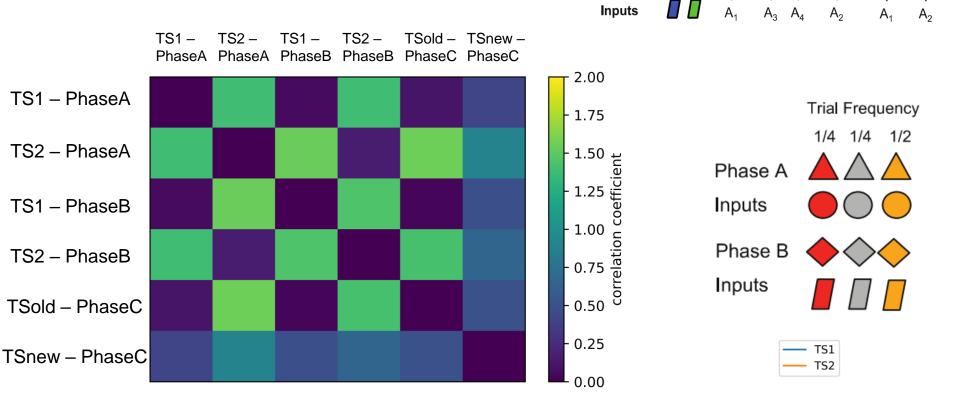
clustering priors







Shared representations of task sets



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Phase B Inputs Phase C

Future plan

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